is expected to prepare precautionary guidelines for protection of public from electro magnetic radiation from mobiles towers and mobile phones within time frame of four months.

Dental colleges in the country

490. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of dental colleges in the country;

(b) the total number of applications received for approval of the Dental Council for new dental colleges during this year; and

(c) the number of colleges approved by the Dental Council of India, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) At present there are 224 dental colleges in the country.

(b) and (c) Of the 88 applications received, till date, in 19 cases permission has been given by the Central Government on the recommendation of Dental Council of India for opening of new dental colleges during 2006-2007. A list indicating the total number of Dental Colleges recognized/approved, state-wise, is enclosed in statement.

Statement

State-wise list indicating the number of Dental Colleges Recognised/ Approved

State	Recognised		Approved*		Total
	Private	Government	Private	Government	
Andhra Pradesh	4	2	14	0	20
Assam	0	1	0	0	1
Bihar	3	1	3	0	7
Chandigarh	0	0	0	1	1

State	Recognised		Approved*		Total
	Private	Government	Private	Government	
Chhattisgarh	0	0	3	1	4
Delhi	0	1	0	0	1
Goa	0	1	0	0	1
Gujarat	2	2	4	0	8
Haryana	3	1	5	0	9
Himachal Pradesh	3	1	1	0	5
Jammu & Kashmir	0	1	0	0	1
Karnataka	39	1	3	0	43
Kerala	0	2	14	1	17
Madhya Pradesh	2	1	7	0	10
Maharashtra	14	4	7	0	25
Orissa	0	1	2	0	3
Pondicherry	0	1	1	0	2
Punjab	8	2	1	0	11
Rajasthan	3	1	5	0	9
Tamil Nadu	13	1	2	0	16
Uttar Pradesh	9	2	14	0	25
Uttaranchal	0	0	2	0	2
West Bengal	0	2	1	0	3
TOTAL	103	29	89	3	224

* "Approved" means the colleges are yet to be recognized u/s 10(2) of the Dentists Act 1948.